WELP. YOU BROUGHT THAT ON YOURSELF.
I DID MY BEST TO TRY AND SAVE YOU.
REST IN PEACE, MIYAMOTO.
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
NGYAHHHHHHHHHH!
CHAPTER 11: THE DWARVEN GIRL AND THE RENOVATION PROJECT

AGH!
GRAGH!
STAB
STAB
SHINK
CRACK
G-GROSS...
Smirk
Smirk
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

NGH...
GUH...
ZWMMM
BWSH
BWSH
BWSH
BWSH
BWSH

BWOOSH
BWOOSH
HNG YAHHHHHHHHHHHHH!
BWOOSH
BWOOSH

20 MINUTES LATER...
CRUMBLE
YO... YOU STILL ALIVE?
Poke Poke
Twitch Twitch
WOW, YOU REALLY ARE A HERO. TOUGH AS A COCKROACH.
Klok
HERE, I'LL LEAVE YOU A POTION.
SORT YOURSELF OUT, OKAY?

WELL.
WHAT SHALL WE DO, MASTER?
N-N-NO... P-PALM-TOP RAB-BITS...
THE QUEEN, AND... A DEMON... MAID?
LET'S GET THEM TIED UP FOR NOW, AT LEAST.
SOUNDS LIKE THEY WERE BREAKING THE LAW, SO WE CAN TURN THEM OVER TO THE GUILD.
OH, AND KATIA.
YEAH.
THIS IS IT.

ADAMANTITE.

TNK
TNK
TNK
TNK
TNK

Fwsh
Fwsh
TNK
TNK
TNK
TNK
WOW, IT'S STARTING TO LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE A REAL HOUSE.
INCREDI-BLE.
Finally, my own room~!
WHILE I HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO OUR CURRENT SITUATION, I DO APPRECIATE HAVING SOME PRIVACY.
MASTER... I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO GRANT A HUMBLE MAID SUCH AS MYSELF QUARTERS OF HER OWN...

WE'RE FINALLY SAYING GOODBYE TO THAT CRAMPED, RUSTY OLD SHACK.
I MADE SURE TO ASK FOR A KITCHEN, TOO. IT'LL LET ME DO A LOT MORE WITH MY COOKING.
I'M ALSO PLANNING TO BUILD A CHOP-SHOP STYLE HUT NEXT DOOR, WHICH SHOULD KEEP ARISA HAPPY.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE HAD TO MAKE DO WITH GETTING OUR NECESSITIES DONE OUTSIDE SO FAR, BUT WE'LL HAVE A PROPER INDOOR BATHROOM BY THE END OF ALL THIS.
WE CAN GET ALL OUR DRINKING WATER FROM THE NEWLY DUG WELL AND, OF COURSE, I'LL BE MAKING A BATH BIG ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

WE'VE HAD THE SHRINE NICELY REFURBISHED, TOO.
THE OLD COOT TOLD ME HE'D REDUCE HIS RATES A LITTLE IF WE DID.
Woo hoo!
ABUNDANCE
NEXT IS... PROCURING OUR OWN ALCOHOL?
YEAH. I WOULDN'T WANT TO WASTE ALL OUR MONEY ON OFFERINGS.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GONNA BUILD A FEW MULTI-PURPOSE WORK SHEDS.
AT ANY RATE, IT'S A PRETTY BIG JOB SO IT'S GONNA TAKE A WHILE.
THEY'RE WORKING ON GETTING AT LEAST THE BEDROOMS READY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THOUGH.
RIGHT. FINALLY, MY VERY OWN ROOM...
VIVA LA SOLITUDE.
Ahh...

WILL THEY MAKE THE COMMON BED EXTRA STURDY?
Tatsuya's head
Indeed.
Mm-hmm.
WHAT?
YOU'RE ALWAYS BOUNCING AROUND ON THE BED, AREN'T YOU?
He he! It's just so fun when I'm on top~!
HEY.

HOLD ON A MINUTE.
EVEN AFTER WE ALL GET SEPARATE ROOMS, WE'RE STILL GONNA SLEEP IN THE SAME BED?
WAIT...
AREN'T WE?
ARE WE NOT?
WE AREN'T?
SO, YOU ALL JUST WANTED YOUR OWN ROOMS...
BUT YOU NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED SLEEPING IN THEM...

RIGHT, TIME FOR DINNER.
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S WORKED UP A BIG APPETITE TODAY.
Slump
Starving dwarf.
Slump
Starving vegetarian elf.
Carrot-loving rabbits.
Meat-eating demon.
Garlic-loving, meat-eating succubus.

A DISH CAPABLE OF SATISFYING ALL THESE CUSTOMERS, YOU SAY?
THIS IS THE ONE.
Mixed Stew Broth

MIXED STEW
Boar meat
Garlic
Carrots
Chives
Bean sprouts
Cabbage
Forest-sourced mushrooms
Mixed stew broth
HOLD ON A MINUTE! I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING SO GOOD IN MY LIFE!
IS THIS THE FRUIT OF THE GODS?!
THE CABBAGE AND SPROUTS ARE AMAZING!
THE BROTH IS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!

MEAT AND MEAT AND CARROTS-!
IT TASTES AMAZING! REALLY, SUPER AMAZING!
THE MEAT CAME FROM THAT RARE BOAR YOU CAUGHT BACK IN THE MINES.
DELICIOUS AS EVER, TATSUYA-SAMA!
AHH... WOULD IT HAVE PAINED THEE SO TO ADD CURRY INTO THE MIX?
MY MASTER'S COOKING IS TRULY SECOND TO NONE.
NOM
WOW, THIS BOAR MEAT REALLY IS GREAT!
THE FAT IS SO SWEET AND JUICY!
I COULD OPEN A HOT-POT PLACE BACK IN JAPAN AND MAKE A KILLING WITH THIS!
I'VE NEVER HAD A STEW LIKE THIS BEFORE!

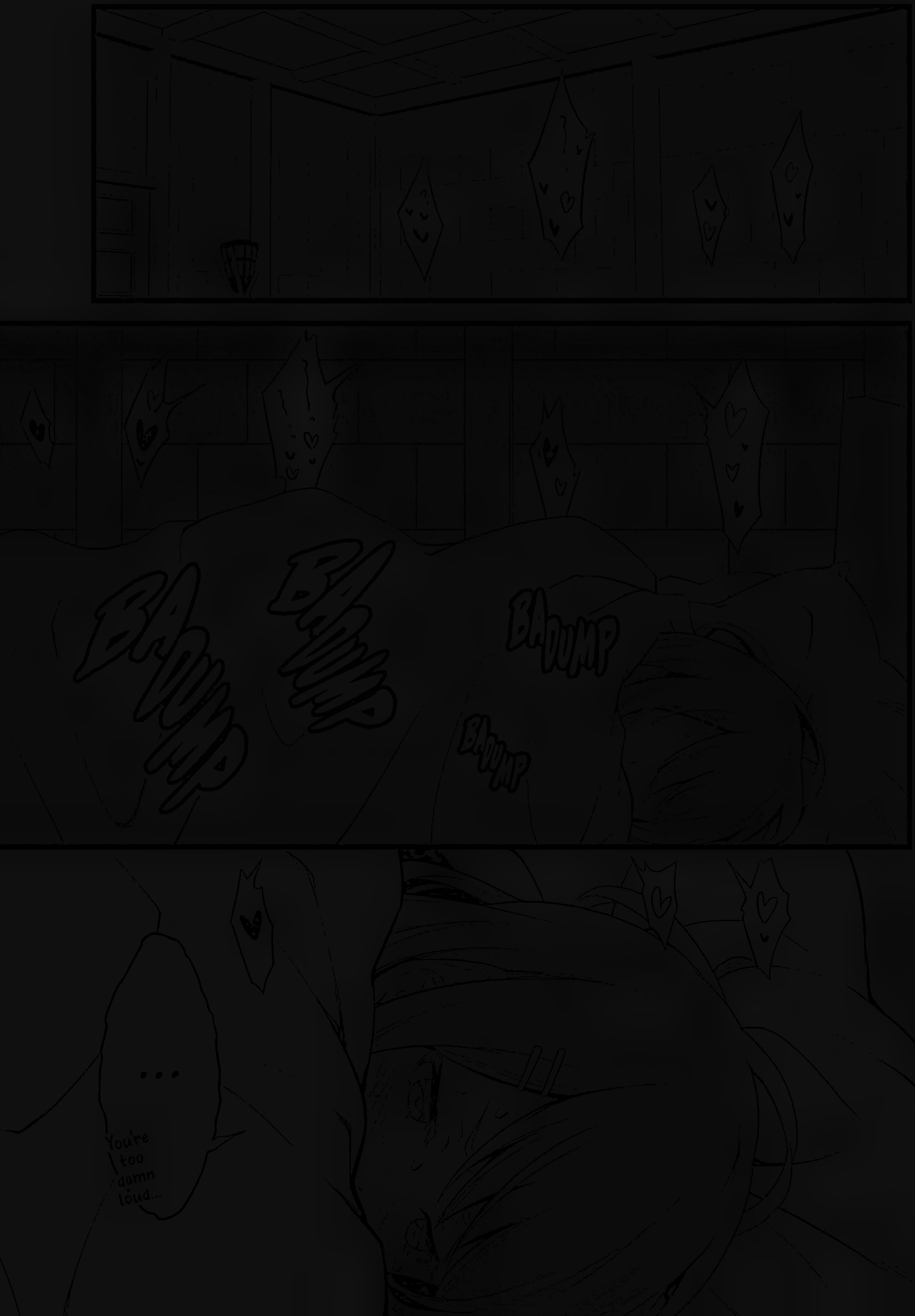
YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT CHUCKING EVERYTHING INTO ONE POT FOR A STEW.
THE BROTH TAKES ON THE FLAVOR OF ALL THE OTHER INGREDIENTS, GIVING THE DISH AN EVEN BETTER SYNERGY.
SSSP
Empty
WAIT.
THAT'S IT?
I WAS SURE I'D MADE ENOUGH...
Rice and rice and carrots~!
Pour it in, pour it in!
CLOMP
We're making that rice soup thing~!
WOW, YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO PICK UP ON JAPANESE FOOD.

Blop Blop Blop
THE SOUP OF THE GODS!
IT'S AMAZING! HURRAY FOR RICE SOUP!
WOO HOO!

WAIT, WHAT?! YOU CAN MAKE RICE TASTE THIS GOOD?! ALL THESE NEW DISCOVERIES!
I DON'T THINK EVEN THE GODS COULD RIVAL COOKING LIKE THIS!
AHH... WOULD IT HAVE PAINED THEE SO TO ADD CURRY INTO THE MIX?
I HAD NEVER TASTED RICE SOUP BEFORE, BUT I MUST CONFESS IT IS QUITE SPLENDID.
I SHALL START CLEARING THE TABLE NOW, MASTER.
Fwp
OH, THANKS.
MUNCH
MUNCH
...
GULP

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I almost didn't notice! Twice!
AM I NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT MY DEAR FRIEND?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
BUT COME ON, YOU JUST SNUCK UP ON ME OUT OF NOWHERE!
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED CURRY...
NEXT TIME!
IN THE END, DINNER WAS A SUCCESS...
AND THE FOOD WAS ENJOYED BY ALL BUT CORNELIA.

I WAS JUST AS BUSY AT NIGHT AS I WAS DURING THE DAY.
SEE, I WAS UP AGAINST SONIA, MARIA, AND OUROBOROS LIKE USUAL.
BUT THEN, TEN ELF GIRLS CASUALLY DECIDE TO JOIN IN.
I STILL CAME OUT ON TOP, OF COURSE.


BADUMP
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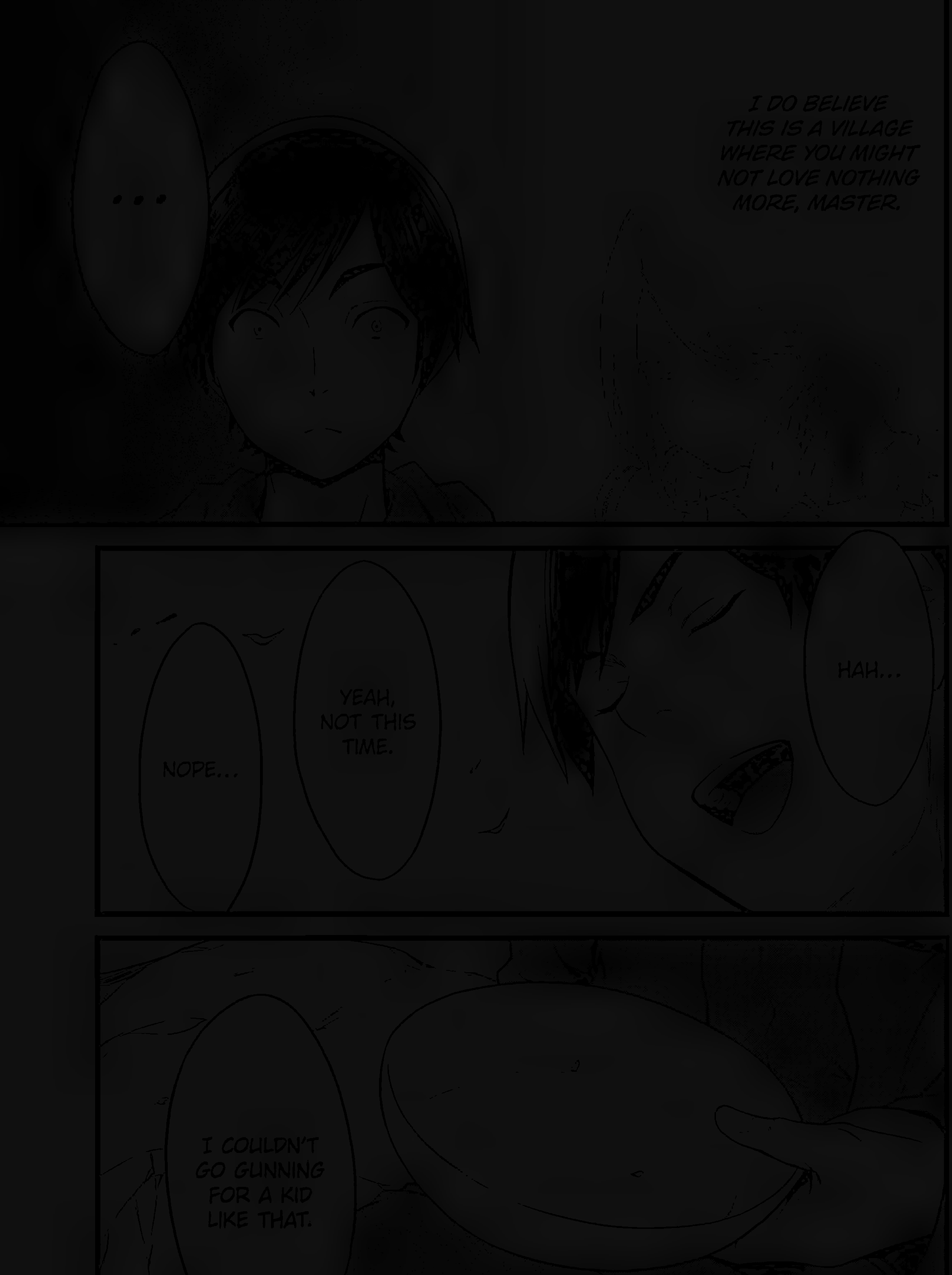
...
You're too damn loud...

PHEW...
MAN, MY BACK HURTS. THE SUN'S BURNING MY EYES, TOO.
Crick
Crick
HERE.
SWP
KATIA...
YOU DOING OKAY?
I THINK MOST PEOPLE WOULD MISTAKE YOU FOR A ZOMBIE RIGHT NOW.

THESE RICE BALLS ARE GREAT.
DID YOU MAKE THEM YOUR-SELF?
YEAH. THE RICE TASTED SO GOOD, I JUST HAD TO TRY.
MARIA-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO SHOWED ME HOW.
MM-HMM.
Nom
Nom
JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SALT.
...
Nom Nom
U-UM...
SO, LAST NIGHT...
I WAS SLEEPING IN THE ROOM NEXT TO YOURS...
!!!...

H-HUH.
Um, well...
Like I said before...
I-I'm...
Kinda... Interested...
THD THD THD THD
NOPE, NEVER MIND!
HUH?!
THD-T THD THD
...
SHE'S GROWN UP TOO QUICK.


I DO BELIEVE THIS IS A VILLAGE WHERE YOU MIGHT NOT LOVE NOTHING MORE, MASTER.
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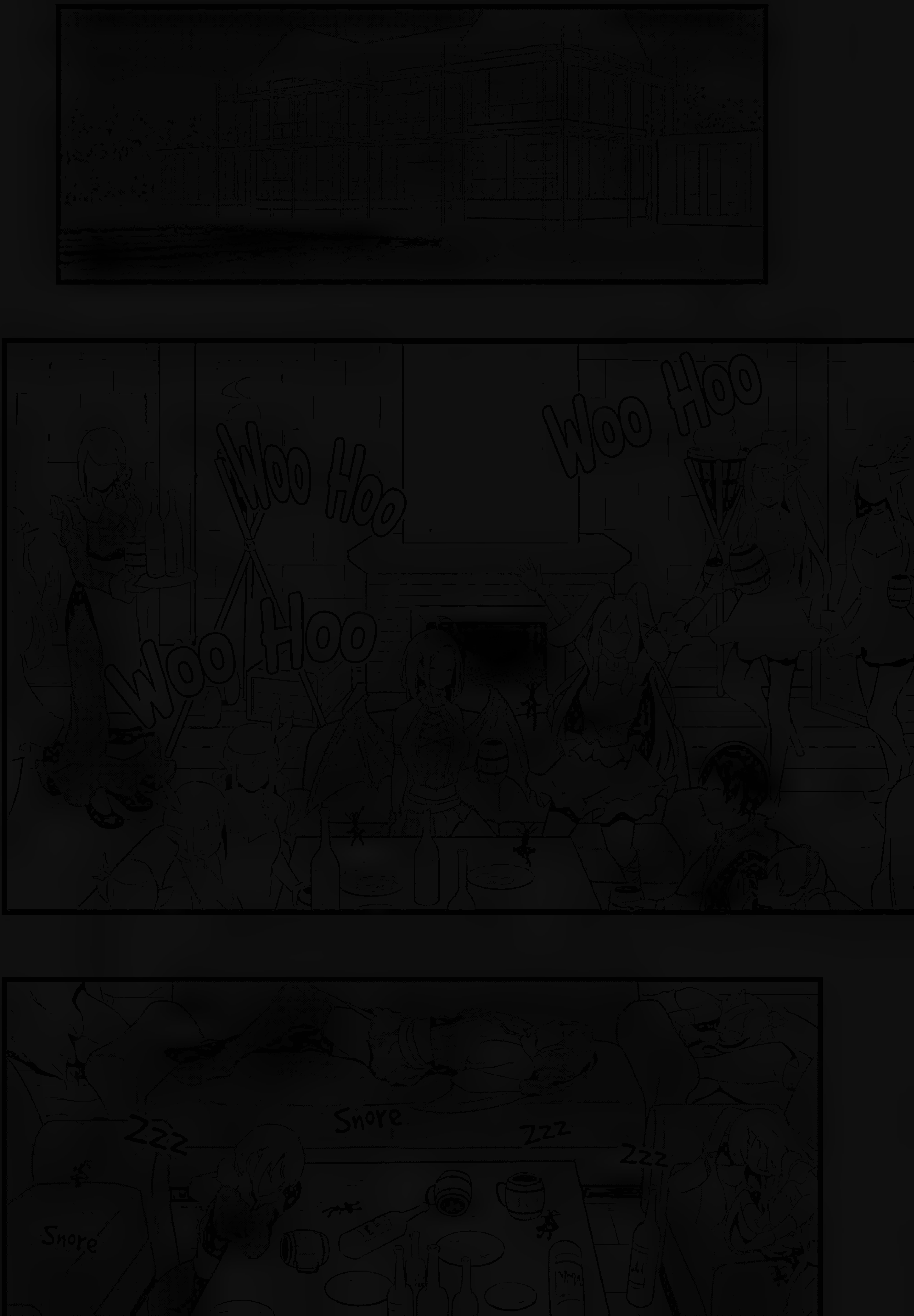
HAH...
YEAH, NOT THIS TIME.
NOPE...
I COULDN'T GO GUNNING FOR A KID LIKE THAT.



Woo Hoo
Woo Hoo
Woo Hoo
Zzz
Snore
Zzz
Zzz
Snore

I'LL HAVE TO GET THAT BREWERY UP AND RUNNING SOONER THAN I THOUGHT.
THAT, OR THE OLD SCROOGE WILL HAVE ME BANKRUPT IN A WEEK.
Creak
I'M BEAT...
HONESTLY, DO THEY EVER STOP DRINKING?
Plod
Plod
AT LEAST AFTER ALL THAT BOOZE THEY WON'T BE UP AND ABOUT UNTIL MORNING.
I CAN FINALLY GET A NIGHT TO MYSELF.
Pmf
Fwp

...
HI...
...
...
Badump
Badump Badump

LOOK, KATIA, TRUST ME.
JUST GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
Flap!
!
...
I...

I'M A GIRL, TOO...
YOU KNOW?
AM I NOT ALLOWED...
TO BE INTERESTED?
NO, NO!
I KNOW YOU'RE A GIRL!
BUT YOU'RE NOT A WOMAN!
I COULDN'T LAY A HAND ON YOU.
WHAT WOULD EVERYONE ELSE THINK?
BESIDES, IT GOES AGAINST GUIDELINES! MY EDITOR WOULD KILL ME!
WHAT?

SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S BECAUSE I'M TOO CHILDLIKE, RIGHT?
FINE...

PHEW.
HOW ABOUT NOW?
!!!
SEE... I CAN ACTUALLY MAKE MYSELF BIGGER OR SMALLER.

GRR
WE DWARVES ARE BLACKSMITHS BY TRADE.
SMASH
BUT GIRLS LIKE ME DON'T HAVE THE NATURAL STRENGTH...
SMASH
SO WE USE MAGIC TO REINFORCE OUR BODIES WHEN WE NEED TO.
AND THIS...
IS THE RESULT.
I-I SEE.
WELL, MAYBE...
GULP

IS THIS OKAY?
HER BODY DOES LOOK LIKE IT BELONGS TO A GIRL IN HER LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES...
AND WHAT A BODY IT IS!
ON PAR WITH MY GIRLS OR THE ELF QUEEN, EVEN...
AND YET!
I GOTTA CONTROL MYSELF!
FLASH

Fwip
IT'S NOT APPEARANCE THAT COUNTS, BUT YOUR AGE!
ANY GIRL UNDER 18 IS A DEFINITE NO-NO!
SHOCK
...
HOW OLD...
DO YOU THINK I AM?

?!
I'M...
112.
THAT'S 100...
PLUS 12...
OKAY?

IT'S THE SAME AS WITH SONIA.
THERE WAS NEVER ANY ISSUE TO BEGIN WITH.
What's wrong?
You look uncomfort-able...
Are you really...
That against it?

I would love nothing more.
SO, AFTER A PRETTY EVENTFUL DAY...
KATIA STARTED REFERRING TO ME AS HER "ONII-CHAN".
AND LET ME TELL YOU, THAT SIZE CHANGING STUFF IS WILD.